

Epiphany Episcopal Church
Bishop's Committee Meeting
14 December 2022, 5:30 pm

In attendance: Eileen Comstock, Chris Kurtmaker, Fr. Steve, Bill Stone, Fred Phillips, Ben Bankson, Annie Danielsen, (via zoom – Bill Harris & Jason Simmons), Guests – Jon Morrison, Mike Danielsen
Call to order @ 5:30

Opening prayer – Lead by Fr. Steve

Approval of November minutes – Eileen moved to accept the minutes, Chris seconded and all approved

Treasurer's Report – Annie moved to accept the treasurer's report, Fred seconded and all approved.

Congregation Comments – Jon would like to suggest a sign up sheet for helpers on Sunday morning for kitchen duties. Also, when Cindy is gone to have folks cover for coffee hour we will need to know from Cindy.. Jon also would like to know if we still have a big screen TV to be used by groups who use the facility. To be discussed later, following looking for the TV and tray and determining if this is an investment the church would like to make. Ben Bankson thanked Jon for the Wassail performance.

Vicar's report – Fr. Steve attended a clergy meeting yesterday. The subjects discussed were Borderland Ministries – they are expecting a massive input of immigrants on 12-21. They are looking for help with this influx, there are currently 8 volunteer slots open and they have facilities to house the volunteers.

The diocesan office is closed from 12-24 thru 1-3.

The Bishop is considering the pre and post Covid environment. For every 2 priests that retire there is 1 new priest. Average attendance at church has declined. However, the giving amount has increased during the pandemic.

Bill Stone indicated it is time to approve Fr. Steve's housing allowance, clergy can designate up to 40% as housing allowance. Fr. Steve would like it to remain as last years' amount, which was \$18000.00 Bill H moved to accept the amount of housing allowance at \$18,000.00, Jason seconded and it was accepted by all in attendance.

Tracy, our treasurer, has been unable to obtain an ITIN from the Social Security Department. She recommended that Jason Simmons, a previous treasurer, be placed as a signatory on the checking account, in addition to the 2 existing signatories, Susan and Ann. Fred moved that we accept to add Jason on as signatory on our Nusenda checking account, Eileen seconded and all approved.

Eileen shared that she has spoken with Gaby about playing on various Sundays. She questions if we can go ahead and offer her \$50 per Sunday and \$35 per choir practice, as we were paying Phoebe. Just at \$200 per month. Discussed more when reviewed the budget below.

Budget – Bill reviewed the prepared budget. Discussion took place in regards to adding an amount to the music budget to cover the cost of \$50 per Sunday for organist and \$35 per choir practice, totaling \$2400. Bill mentioned that on our income side the UU group has not been donating to the church. Annie agreed to drop a note to the UU leader, Lia, and ask if they would be able to contribute in 2023. Ben moved to accept the amended budget, adding the music amount, Bill H. seconded and all approved.

Upcoming events

Christmas – liturgy and music have already been determined.

Epiphany – Eating of Kings cake.

Time to start thinking about nominations

3 for Bishop's Committee (Fred, Bill H, Chris rotating off) Jon Morrison? – Ben suggested Taffeta and Lois as possible candidates. It was suggested that the person nominating an individual that they verify with that person they are willing to be a candidate.

Delegates/alternate (Susan, Bill H delegates.)– Jon Morrison has accepted as alternate delegate to the convention.

Audit committee (Taffeta Elliott, Judy Bechtol, Bill Christy again?)

Annie mentioned she will be working on creating an electronic process for facility use request and posting an event calendar on our website. She and Bill S. will have administrative access to the event calendar and all will be able to view it.

Our annual meeting will be on Jan 22, the 4th Sunday in January, following worship.

Closing prayer – Jason lead us in a closing prayer

Our next meeting will be on January 18th @ 5:30 p.m.